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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, NU

SUBJECT: NICARAGUA CASP/MANNING OF US MILGROUP

REF: (A) MANAGUA 1149; (B) STATE 061105

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT A PRECIPITATE DECISION  
ON US MILGROUP MANNING LEVELS WOULD NOT BE IN BEST  
INTEREST FULL CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION THIS ISSUE,  
AND WISHES TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT IG/ARA INTENDED NO  
SUCH ACTION.

2. AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED, PRIOR TO EARTHQUAKE, AUTHORIZED  
STRENGTH OF MILGROUP WAS 13 WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT A

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14TH POSITION WOULD BE ADDED. IG APPROVED FY 1974-1975

CASP ENDORSED A MILGROUP MANNING LEVEL OF 17 FOR BOTH THOSE YEARS. THIS YEAR'S IG/ARA WAS NOT ABLE TO ENDORSE FY 1975-1976 CASP SUBMISSION PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MILGROUP MANNING LEVEL TO 18 PENDING FURTHER STUDY AND INFORMATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND STATEMENT (REFTEL A) "AUTHORIZED STRENGTH IS NOW 18," AND IS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH AUTHORIZATION, (ESPECIALLY IN THE ABSENCE OF IG/ARA ENDORSEMENT).

3. AS EMBASSY NOTED, ANALYSIS OF FEASIBLE REDUCTIONS IS CONSISTENT WITH DEPT. THINKING. TO ASSIST THE IG/ARA IN FURTHER CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN AT THE MARCH 19 IG REVIEW DIRECTED THAT A THOROUGH STUDY OF MANNING LEVELS BE UNDERTAKEN. DEPARTMENT NOTES EMBASSY'S SHARED CONCERN IN ASSURING THAT MILGROUP PERSONNEL ARE NOT EXCESSIVE TO REAL NEEDS AND WELCOMES YOUR ANALYSIS, INCLUDING LISTING OF SLOTS THAT CAN BE RAPIDLY PHASED OUT OR COMBINED, AND RECOMMENDATIONS. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT EMBASSY STUDY WILL PERFORCE INCLUDE INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL (B) PARA. 2 AND WILL ALLOW IG/ARA TO CONSIDER QUESTION FULLY, WITH OPPORTUNE COUNTRY TEAM INPUT.

4. REQUIRED INFORMATION IS ALREADY PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE AT POST. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EXHAUSTIVE DETAIL NOT NECESSARY AND, IN ORDER ALLOW IG/ARA COMPLETE CASP APPROVAL PROCESS, URGES POST TO SUBMIT REPORT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. GIVEN CLARIFICATION CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE WE WOULD HOPE THIS COULD BE DONE WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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